Jean Eliota LETTER'

TOU'VE been reading about the revival of the project to provide the President a summer palace? It's going to take form one of days, and I don't think it will mean a New England retreat, or a Colerado reserve in the mountains, either. Presidents are too busy to take chances spending a summer that far from base, nowadays.

When it comes, it will be a summer residence somewhere within usable distance of Washington; Bluemont, or Braddock Heights, or some such place, where there are good roads and not too much mileage of them between the President and his White House office. There is a good deal of talk about getting a start made during the next Congress session. It begins to be regarded as a really necessary thing to

Having the President's summer home handy to Washington would mean a lot, socially. It would keep endless important or quasi-important folk in this vicinity during the summer, who otherwise would chase away to some other end of the country, and would quite revolutionize the summer season for Washington. I certainly hope we shall be able to keep the Presidential villa in our section; better for the President, and better for this town,

I wrote you some time ago, Susan, about the handsome new roadster which Britton Browne and his wife have acquired recently, and I spoke of the fact that her very own initials were on the door. But it seems that I was mistaken, they were only on one door while his initials adorn the other. Mrs. Arthur, Browne has an automobile with her initials on it, so, when the Britton Brownes ordered their car-and it was made to order, I understood, Mrs. Britten desired to have the same idea carried out which did not coincide with Britton's wishes exactly. Ultimately a compromise was reached, so his initials were painted on one side and hers on the other. And so the story goes.

Now that the Assistant and Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Carl Vrocman are settled for the time being at their home at Charlesvoix, on Lake Michigan, Mrs. Vrooman is once more busily engaged on the novel which she is writing and which she started in the spring during the lull in the social activities. Mr. Vrooman will return to Washington about the middle of this month, probably to remain here until fall, when Mrs. Vrooman will join him.

Ira Kortwright Wetherill and his attractive wire are well started on their annual trip North in their yacht, the Clipper. Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Birch, who are among their most intimate friends, and who will be the only guests, left Washington Thursday to meet the acht in Annapolis, from which place they sailed early Friday morning. The trip planned will take them through the Delaware and Chesapeake canal to Philadelphia, then on to Trenton, New York city, Narragansett Pier, and final-ly to Newport, where they will remain for the yacht rases. After about a month's absence they will return to the Gleaves, their fine estate comprising some hundred acres on the Macholand county, Va., adjoining the Willings country place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wetherill, who are members of the wealthy Philadelphia family of that name, have lived at the Gleaves, winter and summer, ever since they purchased it about seven years ago. coming to Washington frequently aboard the Clipper. There they manu-Ingalls, who is spending the summer with her mother at White Cottage, and Sallie, Margaret, Mercer and Lemoine Dunlop, of Pittsburgh, are among the girls who have adopted this fad. The fashionable cretonne skirts which made their first appearance at Piping Rock early in the summer, have become popular at the springs. facture their own ice and electricity. have their private wharf, and fine bath houses, boats of every variety, and everything that the heart could wish. Mrs. Wetherill's special delight is ner beautiful rose garden back of the house. where a magnificent view of the Potemac is to be had.

early in the summer, have become popular at the springs.

One of the events of this week in which society at the springs is interested is the carnival and fair, which will be given August 14 for the benefit of the Hot Springs Valley Nursing Association. The older ladies of the colony have given up knitting and crocheting for the time being, and may be seen industriously working on tiny garments for the dolls which they are dressing for one of the tables. Kortwright Wetherill is a brother of C. A. Heckscher Wetherill, who is engaged to be married to Edwina Bruner. of Trenton, N. J., a granddaughter of the late Senator Stephen B. Elkins. They are sons of the late John Price Wetherill, who invented a process of separating other ores from zinc, upon which their fortunes were founded. Their millions are made out of the New Jersey sinc mines, which are becoming more and more valuable every day be- have just returned from a month's stay cause of the large quantities of zinc used in the manufacture of munitions of all sorts; the key to the world's production, in fact. Also, I am told that thousands of tons of sine are consumed nowadays in preparing face powders alone, in place of harmful substances used in the past. Most of this ere used, about two-thirds of she world's supply, formerly came from Beigium, where the mines are now idle, so the whole world is depending largely upon the sources available in this coun-



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MRS. RICHARD HOOD COLE.

try, where the price of zinc has multi- The present Mexican crisis has brought

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have visited the Thousand Islands this
summer. Col. and Mrs. C. A. F. Flager
have just returned from a month's stay
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She herself is from the East origina'ly.

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"Shesinagain" is occupied by its own-

er, Mrs. John Williams Falls, for the first time in seven years. Mrs. Falls.

with a party including her niece, Dor-

othy Dunn; Mrs. Neal, of Paris, and

Capt. Herbert Whipple, motored from

New York, stopping at Saratoga Springs for a house party en route to Port Col-

borne, Canada, reaching there about two weeks ago, and immediately took

possession of her cottage, her "doll-

The house is very attractive and com-

fortable, but the most interesting thing

about it is the name which was painted

by two artist friends of Mrs. Falls on

No cards have been sent out for the

wedding of Emily List and Harold B.

Tharp, which will be an event of Aug-

ust 16. They will be married quietly at

noon at St. Thomas' Church, the Rev.

Joseph Williams, assistant pastor of the

church, officiating in the absence of the

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A Chronicle of J'ociety Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, who is away on his vacation. The only witnesses will be the relatives and a few intimate friends who will be invited afterward for luncheon at the home of the bride's

mother, Mrs. C. F. List, at the Park-wood. There will be no attendants. Mr. Tharp is the son of A. B. Tharp, of Indianapolis, where the happy young couple will reside. Capt. and Mrs. Charles Mortimer, who are visiting Mrs. Mortimer's son-in-law Washington Barracks are to be stationed at Fort Myer. They have just reached this country from the Philippines and will be guests of the Kingman's until they go away some time next week. They will then visit Captain Mortimer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Mertimer, at their residence in Myer, where they will be a welcomed addition to the charming group of officers and their families already there. Mrs. Mortimer as Mrs. Warren lived for many years in Washington, where she is widely acquainted, so it is a home coming for her. One of the most pleasing sights in my mind is General Kingman, father of dan are accompanying the soldiers. Captain Kingman, going to the War Department in the morning in his electric, always accompanied by his handsome wife, who sits beside him in the most stately manner with a parasor to protect her from the sun. Neither Mrs. Kingman nor the general are going away this summer, as the latter is very

paying them a visit. Mr. and Mrs. Kingman have leased an apartment at 1013 New Hampshire avenue which they will move into very soon. One of the few handsome homes with large lawns remaining on Columbia road is about to be sacrificed to the inevitable, the crowded conditions seemingly necessary in a city. Surveyors are at work now preparing for a which brings this to my mind just now

busy and Mrs. Kingman will not leave

him. Just at the present time their son-

in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan

C. Kingman, jr., who are planning to

make their home in Washington, are

house which is to displace the residence of Mr. and Mrs. George Truesdell. fine, I am told, and the contractors are

now bidding for the work. The house has been occupied very liule in recent years and scarcely at all by the Truesdells, who seem to pre- Bethlehem Steel Works at Bethlehem It is a large house which can be seen peeping out from among a grove of fine trees from the window of a train leaving the Union station yards.

The really truly wonderful place which Colonel Truesdell has is his estate on the very top of a mountain near Deer plied about five times since the beginto the city a charming California womplied about five times since the beginto the city a charming California wompark where all of the Altamont Spring
September they will open their old an, Mrs. Richard Hood Cole, of Pasa- water comes from. It is one of the dena, wife of the man who is in Wash- show places of that community. One have not occupied for some time. ington as a personal representative of of the first things which a visitor to that resort does is to go to Colonel Truesdells, which means a ride winding ton about two years ago and carried

> And many are the Washington people who have whiled away the hot weather at Deer Park and thereabouts this season. It has been a fashionable summer resort for many years. The late dence of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Hunt for President Cleveland took his bride to at least a year because of Mrs. Hunt's Deer Park for their honeymoon.

Congressman and Mrs. Joe Eagle have a cottage at this mountain resort and

State Pepartment, is at the hotel, where Mr. Johnson joins her for the week-end.

Mrs. Joseph Folk will pass several weeks at Deer Park at the expiration is at present. The Gist Blairs have was attracted to the north Pacific coast, that the event proved that Mr. Hunt returned recently from Deer Park, where he somehow or other mesmerized was right. where they occupied a cottage. The Howard Reesides are there now, and Mr. and Mrs. Hampson Gary are planning to go there. Colonel Charles H. Heyl and his family are in their cottage, which they have owned for many

vears. Occasionally they decide that they are tired of Deer Park and go to some other summer resort, but find that there and daughter, Capt. and Mrs. John is not any place quite so comfortable Kingman, at their quarters at the as their charming cottage on the mountain side, back of the hotel. A number of years ago they had plans drawn to build a large red brick house on some property which the colonel owns in Virginia, near Bluemont, but they

never followed the matter up. The Fifth Cavalry, stationed at Fort New Hampshire avenue. At the expira- Myer, which has been in, camp at Gretna, tion of the captain's leave, which will Pa., for some time, have been marching be about September 15, they will take homeward all week and were to reach possession of their quarters at Fort the post today. Col. Wilbur Wilder and Capt. Edward Sturges preceeded the troops, arriving at the fort last Sanday, just about the time that the others were starting on their march. which only includes a few of the early hours of each day, the rest being taken up by duties around camp. Capt. Billy Connell, Lieut. Paul Carlisle, Lieut. Lee Heffernan, and Lieut. Philip Sheri-

Wallis Warfield, who has been at Gloucester for some time is about to visit White Sulpnur for a while. She has had a beautiful time in Gloucester, where parties on the Dolphin are the chief attraction, but which will soon come to an end, for that ship with its quota of fascinating officers, is ordered to Washington, August 10-sad news for Gloucester but good tidings for the hostesses and maids enjoying the comforts of home life in Washington just now.

Washington is a delightful place to live, but I have one fault to find with it—the people come and the people go. As soon as you become attached to folks they leave for other places. This is particularly true of the Congressional, army and navy set, comprising a large part of royalty. And the thing large and very handsome apartment is the thought that another group of naval officers are about to take their departure. Lieut D. A. Weaver, who Arthur Heaton, the architect, is al- has been at the Navy Yard long ready with the plans, which are very enough to make a large number of firm friends, is now to be assigned to the Arkansas; Lieut. "Tommy" Kinkaid, who lived here for many years as a boy, is to be on duty with the fer a very beautiful home which they Pa., and Ensign J. L. Riheldaffer is have in the neighborhood of Eckington. to go to the navy recruiting station in Milwaukee about the first of next month.

> Mr. and Mrs. George R. Smith, who will leave Washington this week for Atlantic City, are closing their apartment in the Wyoming for good, for

Ralph Smith, who came to Washing-Hot Springs is the possibility of a match between Mme. Christian Hauge and Baron von Schoen, secretary of the German Embassy. Just how true it is, I cannot say, but it is rumored.

Society girls in that summer colony have taken up the fad of wearing harem veils and cotton gloves on the golf links and tennis courts. The veils are multicolored and worn over the fascinating poke-shaped hats which are included in where they probably will remain until possible figure in the asstoriginally. She herself is from the East originally. Truesdells, which means a ride winding through beautiful woods, slowly winding until you are at the top where a magnificent view of the very tops of the Altamont spring at the bottom. The house is a converted barn, but is very large, roomy and cemfort able. And it is there that they pass their summers. having a delightful time visiting her parents at her old home at Falls Church.

> Colorado Springs is to be the resi-dence of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Hunt for poor health. That was their destination when they left Washington last week. I suppose, Susan, that you know more or less about the Leigh Hunts; I think

money together with which to build railroads and steamsing lines, conduct less than nothing.

Quit? Not Leigh Hunt. He started on a trip around the world, looking for health and a new fortune. In Korea he got track of a great gold-bearing district; convinced himself it would pay; he is a young man. secured concessions from various kings and emperors-Korean. Chinese, Russian-who had sundry claims on the region; went to London, and talked money out of the Rothschilds to operate his concessions. In a few years he had more and sailed back to Seattle, where he advertised in the great daily newspaper be had once owned that he was in town, and if folks with claims against him would figure up the interest and come around with the accounts, he would give them checks! I never could learn he went away with a clean slate, when he might have stayed and been a Sena-

Squared with the world-and a few millions ahead of it-he took a trip up the Nile. He wondered about that black soil in the Soudan, and had samples of it analyzed. It was the soil that produces the best cotton in our Southern States! Study of the climate convinced him that it, too, was right for cotton: and he knew England had been a gen-eration trying to find where cotton could be produced under the Union Jack. Leigh Hunt had the information. With

have as their guest, Dorothy Wyeth. Mr. Hunt one of the most remarkable it he went to London, and, after that who joined them yesterday. Mrs. Cone men in the country; one of those big masterful fashion of his, got to King Ed-Johnson, wife of the Solicitor of the people with an imagination and also a ward. The king listened; kings and balance wheel; a man who can dream emperors are just folks when Hunt gets imposs le things, and then wake up and busy with them. The king believed, Later Mrs. Johnson will go to Chatau- forge them into facts. You know he called in some big business men, got our for several weeks. worked himself into a college education: ject, and had the Egyptian government taught school, became president of the start the thing with a huge concession. of her visit to Atlantic City, where she Iowa College of Agriculture, and finally About all that is necessary to add is

The last few years he has been living huge real estate operations, and the like. off and on at a beautiful country place He was a multimillionaire one night at Bethesda, just outside Washington; early in 1893; next morning he woke up farming, experimenting, thinking, investin the midst of the panic, and in a ing, planning bigger things than ever to few months he was worth a good deal do for the world. Making money isn't especially interesting any longer; doing things worth while, for the benefit of the community, is the Leigh Hunt ambition. We will hear more from him in the world of hig affairs, for even now

And it was from this farm that they moved last week, whereupon Murray Cobb immediately moved in. The rumor still persists that Murray Cobb has purchased the Britton farm as Leigh Hunt's place is known, but even if that millions than ever, so he got on a boat is not true, the fact remains that he will reside there for at least a year and a half, coming into town for only a short time next winter.

Murray Cobb will be one of the group of Washington society men who will leave Washington today for the military instruction camp at Plattsburg, where how many fortunes he paid out in military training. Meanwhile Mrs. Cobb they will undergo a month's course of squaring those old debts that the bank-ruptcy law could have wiped out; but Huff, of Greesburg, Pa., at the Thousand Islands, where they will cruise in a house boat which Mrs. Huff has leased.

> Dick Whitely is going next week to join his wife, Polly Shepard before her marriage about five years ago, at Jamestown, where he will remain about a month. Since Polly and her mother, father, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitch Shepard and Alice Shepard. closed the house, Dick has been living with his mother. Dick and Polly have an attractive little home near Hyatts-(Continued on Page Fifteen.)



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